AS A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION - MORE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST - THE FS SHOULD SEAL UP THE OLD DUMP AREA BY FILLING IT IN THROUGH DOZING OPERATIONS THEREBY PREVENTIN ITS COMPLETE WASTE AND CONVERTING IT TO A LARGE PARKING AREA FOR SHORT TERM OR LONG TERM (Maximum 30 day) PARKING AREA. FILL SHOULD CONSIST OF ROCK AND DIRT WITH NO COSTLY HARD SURFACING.

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March 24, 1975

Mr. John Leasure
Supervisor - Sequoia National Forest
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Dear Supervisor Leasure:

With utter dismay and shock we learn of the U. S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service decision not to renew the lease on the Barboni cabin this year.

My family, friends and I regret to hear this and particularly to see, yet another, part of the Bavely Mineral King Valley scene being destroyed by the Forest Service with their desires to move this fragile area into the category of commercial joint venture between U.S.D.A./F.S. and the corporation(s) to the complete disregard of the public. The Forest Service's "higher use" designation of the Barboni cabin location is, in our opinion, yet another maneuver to change the century old characteristic of Mineral King in favor of the joint business venture to rapidly commercialize the area.

The preservation of the Barboni cabin is favored instead of its eradication as a parking place ("higher use") for at best six to eight vehicles. In the sixteen years we have been into MK we have yet to sign any register kept of friends of the Barboni's - so you can add our name to the long list of people who have spent many, many wonderful hours with Mrs. Barboni and her family,friends or visitors during our hikes, fishing or climbing excursions from the MK Valley floor. Their gracious hospitality, refreshments and "living" history of MK have far exceeded anything obtained from the FS station at Cold Springs.

If the Forest Service truly has the "greatest good for the greatest number of people" in mind, may we suggest tearing down that monstrosity of a collection of telephone poles which the FS uses to show people what a mountain looks like through the glass display boxes - the elimination of this item erected at the taxpayers' expense would provide for ten or twelve cars parking and thereby save the Barboni cabin from destruction. How many of us greatly miss the sight of the that oldest building (the butcher shop/saloon/ cabin) which formed a part of the nostalgic past along with the old store cannot be overstated. We detested the destruction of the old butcher shop/saloon/cabin and its replacement by the unsightly monstrosity -- we trust the same shall not take place with the Barboni cabin.

The FS and Disney Corporation have jointly caused the traffic congestion/parking problem in MK. Tearing down century old (or almost) buildings will not solve this situation. We ask that you reassess your intention and plans in the interest of the public who happen to drive up to MK.

Sincerely,

George A. Peters

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